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Chamber asks for $120,000

The following report is a summary of some of the items discussed at the February 24 regular meeting of Haliburton County Council.

Chamber of Commerce plans for the future

Chamber of Commerce President Bryan Kernohan and Manager Brian Dean made a presentation to council, reviewing the plans for the next year at the Chamber.

According to Bryan Kernohan, the chamber will focus on advertising the county over the next year, with an emphasis on television advertising. The chamber of commerce requested funding from county council in three segments:

- $50,000 to maintain the current facilities
- $10,000 to focus on television advertising to promote the county in areas such as Toronto and Richmond Hill areas
- $60,00 to be retained in a fund

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Fire quickly destroyed the Head Lake Tavern and Restaurant Monday morning (February 22). When members of the Laxton, Digby and Longford Volunteer Fire Brigade from Norland arrived on the scene, the entire structure was engulfed in flames. There was little the firemen could do but prevent the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. Fire Chief Don Logan had praise for his men who, he pointed out, had to not only battle the flames, but also deal with minus 25 degree temperatures. Logan noted that most of the volunteers lost a day's work because of the blaze. The firemen were on the scene until 12:30 p.m. The Norland Department was assisted by five firefighters from the nearby Bexley Fire Department who arrived with two pieces of equipment. A police investigation into the blaze is continuing. The business was owned by Phil Walker.

Police probe home invasion

Police are investigating a home invasion which occurred Saturday morning in Haliburton Village.

According to the police report, during the early morning hours of Saturday, an unknown number of individuals forced their way into a residence in Haliburton. While the resident was held in one of the bedrooms, the house was ransacked. The culprits then fled with an undetermined amount of cash.

The unidentified victim sustained minor injuries in the incident. A firearm was involved in the crime.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

New phone scam hits the area

Area residents are once again the target of another telephone fund raising scam.

Linda Burley reported receiving a phone call on Thursday from an unidentified caller who claimed to be raising money for the school lunch/breakfast program. The caller did not use the name of any school in his presentation over the phone, however he suggested that Mrs. Burley may be willing to make a donation of $365 "just a dollar a day" or $182 "just 50 cents a day" to help the school feeding program.

According to Val Lennox of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Council there is no telephone solicitation taking place for funds to support the school's breakfast program. The school does not have a lunch program, other than for the occasional special days (hot dogs, etc.) for which parents are advised through a note brought home by the students.

Lennox said her group of volunteers does accept donations to support the breakfast program, but these generally come from service clubs in the area and are a result of a member of the organization making a presentation to the club or groups. "We don't call people up and ask them to make a donation," Lennox said. Much of the School Council's fund raising is done through sponsoring functions like holding a film day at the school.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Principal Rosie Kenney concurred with what Val Lenniox had said about the organization's fund raising. "We don't solicit by phone," she said. "This has nothing to do with us and it sure sounds like a scam." The principal said the March newsletter would include a warning to parents about this type of telephone solicitation.

When Burley suggested that the caller send some literature to document his organization's authenticity,

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MOOONEY:
The three month long effort to raise money for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Capital Campaign has paid off. While Pete Dollo, right, looks on, Dave Dollo, left, of the Minden IGA store presented Foundation board member Don Hall with a cheque for $1445. The money was donated by the store based on the number of bags of IGA milk sold since early December.

Phone scam

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the solicitor said that the material could be sent if she was willing to make a small commitment.

"They didn't identify the school or have any knowledge specific to the area," Burley said. She also noted that the tone of the caller changed quickly when she told him that she was a part-time employee of the Minden detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. Burley, who is involved with the Stanhope and Carnarvon Community Policing Association, also works for the OPP as a matron when a female prisoner is being held in custody. "The conversation ended quickly," she commented.

Burley, who is familiar with the methods used by phone scam criminals, suspects the call was a new twist on an old game to steal money from the gullible. Her training in police support has taught her to be wary of such calls. She suggests that anyone receiving such a solicitation not give out any credit card information, or personal information that may be used to gain access to a persons bank account. She suggests, if you are uncomfortable with the tone or persistence of the call, simply hang up.

Police suggest that anyone receiving such a call should contact the Ontario Provincial Police Phone Busters at 1-888-495-8501.

Thieves target Kinmount post office

The following report was compiled by the Minden/Coboconk detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

On February 20, the Post Office in Kinmount was broken into. The suspects made a hole in the side of the office safe in an attempt to remove its contents. After working on the safe for at least an hour and a half, the thieves made off with three Canadian passports. No money for stamps was believed to have been stolen.

Haliburton break-ins

Two Haliburton businesses suffered losses on February 19, from break and enters that are believed to be linked. The Re/Max Haliburton Highlands Realty Limited office was broken into and three computers as well as several other items were taken. Also that same evening the office of the Dawson Gray accounting firm was entered. Two computers, a laser printer and other various com-

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County of Haliburton Millennium Celebration Committee Request

Among other projects, the Millennium Celebration Committee of County Council has decided to develop a County Wide calendar of events for the calendar year starting January 1st, 2000. They are interested in submissions from municipalities, schools, community groups, etc. If a specific project is being undertaken with assistance from millennium funding or a community event is being held to celebrate the millennium, the information would also be valuable. Please submit any information to your local municipal office no later than March 12th, 1999. If you have any questions, please call the County office at 705-286-1333.

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Named Citizen of the Year

Marion Hill honoured by Minden Rotary

Marion Hill has been named the Minden Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year.

The award was presented at the organization's annual meeting Monday, February 22.

The soft-spoken painter was taken by surprise when the award was presented during the course of the club's meeting. With the assistance of her husband, Stan, Marion had been invited to the meeting on the pretext of addressing the group on cycling, one of her many interests. "I was a little perplexed when I saw there was another speaker on the program," Marion said after the presentation. It was only when she stepped to the front of the hall to be introduced by Rotarian Jeanne Anthon that she finally realized that she was the recipient of the award.

The Rotary Club annually honours a local citizen for his or her contribution to the community. In addition to the plaque, presented by club president Ethel Muli, the club also makes a $200 donation, in the name of the recipient, to the charity of her choice.

In her introduction of this year's citizen of the Year, Anthon noted that the popular Haliburton County Studio Tour was the brainchild of Marion Hill. "I had been aware of other tours taking place in Muskoka and southern Ontario and thought it might be a concept that would work here," she said after the meeting. She spent the year organizing the weekend event, drawing financial support from the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and later the Rails End Gallery. Considering the success the studio tour has become, it is interesting to learn that it was a struggle at times to convince fellow artists and resorts in the Highlands to back the concept. "Eventually we had 18 participants, who each paid $50 to help cover the organizational costs."

Working with three other volunteers Marion spent a year talking to artists, services clubs, tour organizers, tourism groups, anyone she thought would benefit from the studio tour. The effort included endless hours of letter writing, seeking government support designing a logo and creating signs.

The first year's tour attracted 250 to the Highlands to visit the artists in their studios, Today, some 12 years later, thousands flock to the Highlands during the weekend before Thanksgiving. The Studio Tour has grown to a popular event that attracts more people to the Highlands than any other single activity and is one of the leading reasons people think of the arts when they think of the Highlands.

Marion Hill, left, is presented with a plaque marking her Citizenship Award from Minden Rotary Club President Ethel Muli.

Marion is an accomplished watercolourist. While she was too busy organizing the first Studio Tour to participate, she was able to hand over responsibilities for the organizing to others and hosted visitors in her studio in the following three years. She has since retired as a tour participant but continues to be an avid painter. She also enjoys sharing her art with others.

As Jeanne Anthon pointed out while introducing this year's recipient, she teaches art at Pritchard House in Minden, to children at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in the after school program and in classes established through the Minden United Church charge.

"Marion sends countless notes, many with original small watercolours to those who are ill or who have lost a spouse, "Anthon told the meeting. She said that small pieces of art often show up at the framers, being treasured and saved by the recipients. "I constantly fall back on my art in expression of sympathy for the lonely or the sick, hoping that a little colour and a few cheerful words in a card will help in their recovery," Marion said in a later interview.

Marion has also shared her artist talent by teaching at Elderhostels in Haliburton and Dorset, has done sketches for John Hulbig's book Whispering Pines, painted a cover for the 1993 edition of the Minden and Area annual publication and provided artwork for the Minden United Church bulletin and the Minden Horticultural Society's annual flower show and banquet.

Marion and her husband Stan chose to live in Minden in 1981 when they purchased what is now known as the Minden House Bed and Breakfast from Laura and Dick Kirkwood. Stan, an elementary school principal, was still working at the time, and so for the first few years, they were weekend and summer residents. After Stan retired they moved to Minden full-time. "I remember a number of friends warning us that it wouldn't work. That we would find it difficult as outsiders to be accepted in a small town like Minden," Marion said. However, the couple's willingness to become involved in volunteer activities in the community, Stan has been a hard-working volunteer for the Minden Museum Committee, quickly eased them into the community.

"I am most humble about receiving this award," Marion said. "Any achievements I am sure stem from a gift I was born with, and that is in an appreciation for art, and hand skills to follow through." She recalls that her daughter, Lynda, one of the couple's three children, was named Citizen of the Year in their hometown of Brampton when she was 19. Before she left the southern Ontario Community to take up residence in Minden, Marion was also presented with an award in Brampton recognizing her 20 years of volunteer services.

"I feel very blessed I have been able to continue my volunteer work in this community. The gift of art has gone a long way in assisting me to accomplish this."

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Road costs continue to rise

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to be used to enter into partnerships with local businesses to advertise the county.

According to Brian Dean, the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism has produced a new marketing plan, in which $40 million is earmarked to promote the tourism industry in Ontario. The ministry will provide a fifty cent match for each dollar of any venture that a chamber of commerce organizes, providing it fits within the ministry marketing plan and the venture is a partnership including members of the private sector.

OPP Acting Staff Sergeant

Councillor Jim McMahon introduced council to the new Minden/ Coboconk detachment Acting Staff Sergeant Bob Walli. He is the third acting staff sargeant to head the local detachment recently. Walli replaces Mike Johnson, who took over for Art Goard, who replaced Andy Millar. Although he hopes to be considered for the position permanently, currently he is commuting in each day from Cobourg, where is wife and children are living. The family hopes to move to the area in the spring. Warden Elva Bates welcomed Walli to the community.

Road repair review

Councillor McMahon reported on the road repairs and improvements planned for the upcoming budget.

The work will include former highways 648, 121 and 503, as well as sections of County roads 2, 9, 4, 14 and 19 will cost over $2 million. Councillor McMahon noted that there was a considerable increase in road repair costs as a result of increased responsibilities, a result of provincial downloading. "You can see the difference in our roads budget just from taking over the highways. I don't know how long we can continue to do this," said McMahon. This year's road repairs will exceed two million dollars.

Textile drive planned for the summer

The county will be participating in a textile drive in August, organized by the non-profit group Peterborough Green-up.

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Haliburton businesses lose computers

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puter equipment were stolen. Around 3:30 a.m. a local resident noticed three males walking westbound on York Street.

Break, enter and thefts

The Wilberforce Liquor Store was broken into on February 23. A witness noticed several persons get out of a vehicle in the store parking lot at around 11:15 p.m. The incident is currently under investigation.

A 13 foot Harbour Craft boat was reported stolen from a Drag Lake cottage on February 21. The owner advised police that the boat was stolen sometime between last Thanksgiving weekend and the present.

A fish hut on Mountain Lake in Minden Township was broken into on February 21 and various pieces of equipment were stolen.

A Dysart cottage was entered on February 21. The Ross Road building lost a stereo and various compact discs. Another cottage was reported entered a day earlier on Watts Trail in Dysart. Stolen were some power tools, a radio and a boat motor.

A 1997 Formula 3 Skidoo was stolen from a property on Little Kennisis Lake Drive. The owner reported the snowmobile stolen on February 19 and noted that it had been removed between the end of January and the present.

Arrests made on outstanding warrants

On February 22, Minden OPP investigated a domestic complaint in the Village of Haliburton. Further to the investigation Michael Angus Macinnes, 31 of Haliburton was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Macinnes was wanted by Kincardine OPP on charges of uttering death threats, and failing to appear in court.

Mcinnes was returned to Kincardine for a bail hearing.

On February 15, Donald Cary 20, of Glamorgan Township was arrested on two counts of break and enter and two counts of failing to appear in court. The Central Region Street Crime Unit with the assistance of the local detachment arrested Cary. The charges were laid in relation to a break and enter to a hunt camp in Snowdon township, which occurred last June. He will appear in Lindsay Court.

Impaired driving

Minden OPP stopped a vehicle February 19, on Blairhampton Road, after noting evidence of dangerous driving. As a result, Orville Fisher, 35 of Snowdon Township was charged with impaired driving, refusing to provide a breath sample and dangerous driving. Fisher will appear in Minden Court later this year.

Bowl for kids raises $8,000

Thanks to the efforts of area bowlers, the Haliburton Victoria Big Brothers and Big Sisters has close to $8000 more to assist it with its work.

The amount was raised during the group's annual Bowl For Kids Sake fund-raising drive this past weekend (February 21). The contributions came from individuals throughout the community who sponsored individual or teams of bowlers.

The bowling was hosted at the County Bowl lanes in Minden.

Last year the event raised $7700. "We are certainly pleased with the response this year, "Dianne Austin, executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters for this area reported. She noted that several teams had to cancel because of illness, but they made sure their pledges were submitted.

The second part of the fund-raising will now take place in Lindsay where 82 teams will participate. Once that is completed, a draw will be held for a special prize for all participants. Canadian Airlines has donated two tickets to anywhere the company flies. That draw is expected to take place April 9.

Grudge Match

Once again this year the Paper Tigers, representing The Times, and the MAC Attack, from the Minden Animal Clinic, squared off in a fund raising competition. Both groups arrived with identical amounts in pledges, totalling $1111. In the scoring department it was another story: The MAC Attack demonstrated its superior bowling skills with a team average of 112.5 points, compared to 111.5 for the Paper Tigers. Lisa Robertson was the top bowler for the MAC with a high of 157. Top bowler with the Paper Tigers was Bill "The Cannon" Beers who rolled a 138. Players on both teams have registered for the remedial bowling classes

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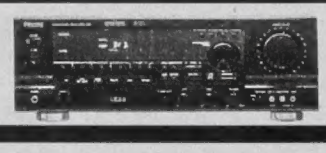

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Editorial

A well-deserved honour

We second the selection of Marion Hill for this year's Minden Rotary Club's Citizenship Award. Marion was presented with her award February 22 at the service club's regular meeting.

Marion has an enviable record of community involvement. She and her husband became permanent residents in the community 15 years ago. Her most outstanding achievement is the creation of the annual autumn Studio Tour. Considering the overwhelming success the annual event now enjoys, it is intriguing to hear Marion relate how difficult it was to convince businesses and artists to back this "new" idea. Her persistence paid off and there are many in the county who owe her a vote of thanks for her determination.

Marion has contributed in many other ways to life in our community. An avid watercolourist, she has shared her artistic skills with young and old alike, served on a number of committees and has a real concern for the future of the community. All in all, just the sort of individual for whom this annual award was created.

We are pleased with the presentation for another reason. Marion and her husband chose Minden when they were looking for a place to retire. They came here from the city, leaving behind family, friends and colleagues. Marion and Stan quickly became involved in a variety of activities, sharing their expertise and enthusiasm. Rather than being the isolated newcomers, they quickly became active participants and found that the community they adopted, adopted them.

So hats off to Marion on this award, a well-deserved honour. The example of community involvement set by the Hills is one worth emulating for anyone starting a new life in a new community.

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Letters

It's been great

Editor:

It is seldom in life that we get an opportunity to work at a job where there is so much pleasure, so much to learn and do as, I have experienced in the last few years.

For the various acts of kindness, faith, support and encouragement, I would like to thank the staff of Anson, Hindon and Minden, members of the museum committee, the volunteers who did a tremendous job of helping, teaching and sharing with others and the visitors to the grounds. Special thanks to Irene Moore, John Hulbig and the late and loved Jeanne Sears for always being there when needed. To Julie and Amanda, thank you.

Please support your museum committee...they are in the business of protecting and preserving your heritage for you!

Marvella Smith,
Minden.

Driving your own ambulance

Editor:

Sunday, February 21 at approximately 9:15p.m., I had reason to go to our Minden hospital. The nurse and doctor were terrific, and the doctor decided I should have a scan. He phoned Peterborough, Orillia, and Barrie I think, but there wasn't a neurologist on duty at any of them.

He finally reached someone at Toronto Western who was on duty and would evaluate my problem. Just one problem - there wouldn't be an ambulance available for at least two hours and the doctor felt I should get there as soon as possible, and suggested my wife drive me down in our car.

It's now 11 p.m., we've been up since six a.m., Sharon has an eye problem and has difficulty with night driving, but she drove as far as Orillia. The doctor had told me not to drive, but if we were to get to the hospital in Toronto, I had to give her a break.

We arrived at Western at 3 a.m., Monday and the staff there were very good, but I never did see the neurologist, although the doctor who examined me did confer with him. At about 4 a.m., they decided I could go home. Due to the hour they offered a place to sleep for a few hours, but we decided to head home.

We arrived home at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. So much for health care in our rural community, thanks to "What's his name?" oh yeah, "Mike the Common Sense Man".

Jack Sykes
Minden

A drawing card

Editor:

Every once in a while I read articles about the shop keepers in downtown Minden wondering and worrying about how to bring people into the town core.

We have the Sled Dog Derby, which shows what promotion can do when one looks at the number of people congregated in Minden on that weekend. This event brings participants and spectators

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Second gun range is not welcome in Lutterworth

Editor:

It is very difficult to express adequately my thoughts regarding the prospect of yet another shooting range in Lutterworth Township. But since we were not allowed to express our views at the meeting on January 27, and the articles in *The Times* didn't do much to represent the thoughts of the people directly affected by the range, I guess I'll just have to give it a try.

The proposed Milcun Home Range Venture is the second range in our corner of Lutterworth. We already have, and suffer with, the Haliburton County Marksmen's Club range. The Milcun Range is vastly bigger. The HCMC is 600 feet from my property. The Milcun range, if they succeed in acquiring the Crown lands they want, will be separated from my property by the width of two lots.

The noise from the current, established HCMC range is fierce. They can and do shoot from dawn to dark, seven days a week; sometimes after dark; sometimes with automatic, (yes automatic), weapons. Every shot, whether from a large calibre rifle or from a .22 handgun, makes you jump....the fight or flight response. You never get used to it. You can never ignore it. Even with the window closed in winter, shots make you jump.

The proposed Milcun range can also shoot seven days a week, dawn to dark. They plan to use very high-powered rifles on their 900 yard range. They hope to have shooting matches from May to mid-October, wherein 1,500 to 3,000 rounds will be fired. There is no limit to expansion or to frequency of use. Lutterworth Township has no noise by-laws.

The sound tests done by engineers sometime last summer simply cannot be believed. Shots were fired from one gun for those tests. None of the clearing had been done. Even so, I heard those shots, was startled by them, and assumed that the shots came from poachers again. There is some doubt whether instruments used to measure noise levels can accurately measure a sudden, sharp, percussive noise. It is this kind of sudden, sharp, percussive noise that is frightening, and irritating. Even if the sound engineers measurements were accurate, and the sound of a gunshot is no louder than the sound of a truck on a gravel road, the sound of 3,000 gunshots should be like standing beside the 401 in Toronto. I don't think anyone moved here for that.

Any hunter knows that the effect of a gunshot is nothing like the effect of the sound of a truck on a gravel road. Gunshots startle. They make your heart pound. They startle game too. Any hunter knows that when the shooting starts, you might as well leave your stand. Deer will not show themselves. When I first bought my property, signs of game were everywhere. Deer, moose, bear, foxes, wolves, owls, grouse, even a bald eagle etc. Once HCMC bought their land and the shooting greatly increased, the game decreased in direct proportion. Deer are now zero. Whereas we used to spend many hours waiting in silence for the appearance of game, for bowhunting or for photography, waiting is now mostly fruitless (or gameless). Even those animals still around, such as foxes, will not show themselves during the day when there is shooting. Once the shooting starts, even the birds stop signing. If Crown land is given up for this Milcun range, it will soon be barren of game. Maybe the rodents will stay around. But think about it - would you stay around and listen to 3,000 shots per day?

Thanks to the HCMC shooting range, the assessment on our property has been reduced. Lower taxes, sure, but a lower resale value too. And would a potential

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A great attraction

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from all over North America and is a great weekend for the town.

There is, however, a drawing card in Minden in January, February and weather permitting, part of March that is being totally ignored. The ice car races at the fair grounds draw participants from all over Ontario. This sport is so much fun to watch. The cars have absolutely no traction and the ingenuity of the drivers in getting around the track while maintaining speed is amazing.

The track is huge, the safety precautions are excellent and I have to say I enjoyed it a lot more than watching stock cars race around an oval track.

I saw a couple of local businesses that were sponsoring cars, but if this sport got the promotion that other local events received it would bring spectators from far and wide. I understand the Kinsmen are responsible for the whole event, to them I say congratulations for a job well done.

Carole Bullen,
Norland

Arthur Black

Now here's a concept

March 17th is almost upon us and this year there are several ways you can choose to celebrate. You might opt for the traditional route and hie yourself down to the pub for a pint of green beer in honour of St. Paddy – it being his day and all.

But if you're not of the Irish persuasion you might want to lift a glass in honour of Gertrude of Nivelle – March 17th is her day in the Holy Calendar. Gertie passed this way about thirteen centuries ago, and a fine and pious gal she was. So much so that the church named her Patron Saint of the Recently Dead.

On second thought, you may want to keep your distance from Gert. Especially if you've been into the green beer.

No problem. There are oodles of other anniversaries to celebrate on March 17th.

It was on that day in 1541 that Magellan discovered the Philippines.

And it was on that day in 1845 that a Brit by the name of Stephen Perry patented the rubber band.

March 17th is also the birthday of Gottlieb Daimler, a German engineer who designed some pretty snazzy cars back in the early days of the Automotive Age.

Yep, there are lots of reasons for — and plenty of ways to — celebrate March 17th, but this year there's a brand new one that I think might catch your fancy.

It's the brainchild of a British television network which has come up with a project called Birthrace 2000.

The idea is, to see who can become parents of the first baby born in the year 2000.

The Millennium Toddler, if you will.

If you do the math – in other words, count backwards nine months from January 1, 2000 – you'll realize that folks who want to have a millennium bundle of joy, should start getting...errrr, cozy sometime around oh, say March 17th of this year.

That's why the British TV folks are already calling March 17th Conception Night. A spokesman for Yorkshire Television, which is producing the series, announced rather prissily that he hopes the project will create "a rather healthy celebration of procreative sex" in Britain.

The British tabloids have mounted the bandwagon with typical vulgar gusto. They're calling the evening of pre-planned passion Nookie Night.

Not that every couple that couples on March 17th is going to have a Millennium Baby of course. The most fertile couples only have a three-in-ten chance of conceiving on any given occasion.

As for planning it down to any given day – good luck. You'll need it.

As a matter of fact, British doctors are saying that babies conceived well after St. Patrick's Day have a better chance of being born on January 1st. They're recommending a "launch" date of April 10 or 11.

Three, nearly four weeks after March 17th.

Oh well.

A little practice never hurts.

Going back to Toronto for some peace and quiet

(from page 7)

buyer, visiting the property when shooting is going on, stay around very long? I don't think so. And if that potential buyer finds out about yet another shooting range to the north, vastly larger, 3,000 shots per day every weekend from May to mid-October, with unlimited expansion, do you think he'll stick around? I think he'll take his money and go back to Toronto where he can get some peace and quiet.

Many people here are angered and dismayed that a very large amount of Crown land may be bought and leased by the Milcun Home Range. Some have hunted there for generations and expected to pass that same experience on to to their children. It is part of their family heritage. Others need that Crown land as a source of quiet peace and beauty. We all felt that, as Ontario taxpayers, we owned that land. To have it sold and leased to the creators of a giant nuisance is extremely annoying. We are not reassured by Mr. Cunningham's promises that the Crown land will be open to the rest of us for a few months of the year. A promise is not a law. There is no way to enforce a promise. If Mr. Cunningham decides he wants to shoot all year, nothing will stop him. There is now shooting at the HCMC range all winter, and it is not nearly so elaborate.

Even though HCMC shooters are shooting in my direction, I did not consider stray bullets a danger, until I heard this story, told to me by a member of the club. It is the custom for handgun shooters to start a shot sequence with the gun upraised, pointing at the sky. They lower the gun, aim for the target and then fire. But sometimes the shooter gets impatient, or rattled. He fires before the gun is fully lowered. The bullet arcs up over any backstop and flies off elsewhere, falling to the ground when the force of the charge is spent. Sometimes people have been hurt. Because it was not in his interest to tell me this story, I believe it.

A shooting range is only as safe as the people using it. Somebody, someday, will make a mistake. The more people using a range, the greater the chances for mistakes. One mistake is too many. And since we already have one hazard in our area, another one is definitely unwelcome.

Unless Mr. Cunningham is willing to completely fence his entire property, and patrol it, there will be trespassers. That is traditional here. People who have always hunted that land will decide to take the chance. Or they will hunt bear on the land because bear season starts long before Mr. Cunningham plans to stop shooting. Same for birds and rabbits. Poachers of course know no seasons. And kids may trespass, because they feel immortal or because someone dared them to do it. We really can't wait to see if a mistake will be made and a tragedy will happen. The time to prevent it is now.

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Sports

Minden team wins first local Special Olympics Bowling event

The Haliburton Highlands Hustlers were host to their first Special Olympics Invitational Bowling Tournament at the County Bowling Centre in Minden on February 14.

Teams competing were from Haliburton, Durham and two teams each from Minden and Peterborough.

Competition was exciting, with Minden's Team Number Two coming out on top after three games.

Members of the winning team are Russ Snodden, Andrew Sharp, Cory Smith-MacKenzie, Dale Jarvis, Leanne Hirstwood, and Lisa Burk. Team members received first place medallions and will have their achievement etched on a trophy that was graciously donated by the Minden and District Lions Club.

The Minden team received further accolades when Leanne Hirstwood and Cory Smith-MacKenzie both won trophies for the highest pins over average in a single game.

Lunch was served by Subway of Minden and Haliburton.

Special thanks to County Bowling Centre, Haliburton County Community Living, Re/Max Realty, Stedman's of Minden, Minden Lions and Lioness Clubs, and a special thanks to the six volunteer scorekeepers and tournament director Cindy Sedore.

Newcastle edges Minden in close battle

Atom A Monarchs bow out

It was a close battle, but the Atom OMHA Monarchs bowed to Newcastle in playoff hockey action. The best-of-three series saw the Monarchs take Newcastle to the limit before bowing out with a 4-1 loss in Newcastle on February 8.

Newcastle 4, Minden 2

The first game of the series was in Minden on February 4.

Newcastle took an early lead in that game, but before the buzzer sounded to end the first period the Monarchs had evened the score. Kody Smith was the sharpshooter for Minden, with Mark Fisher and Gavin Hicks assisting.

The visitors added an unanswered goal in the second period for a 2-1 lead.

Minden tied the score in the third, with a goal by Andrew Bull, from Fisher and Darrin Brown.

Newcastle bounced right back to regain the lead and add an insurance marker before the game ended.

Minden 2, Newcastle 1

As far as hockey goes, they don't get any closer than this one. It took overtime to decide and the decision went to Minden.

Minden got on the scoreboard first, with Mark Fisher scoring an unassisted marker near the middle of the opening frame. But, with just under two minutes remaining in the period, Newcastle evened the score when its captain notched an unassisted goal.

Neither team was able to solve the opposing goaltender throughout the second or third periods, sending the game into OT with the score deadlocked at 1-1. Mike Fisher held the opposition off the scoreboard to keep Minden in the game. Then, in the first minute of period four, Andrew Bull scored on a solo effort for the Minden win.

Newcastle 4, Minden 1

The Minden win in Newcastle on February 7 set the stage for a one game, winner-take-all showdown back in Newcastle the following day.

The home team got off to a good start, scoring two unanswered goals in the first period.

The Monarchs cut that lead in half early in the second period with a goal by Aaron Keaney. Sean Keaney assisted.

Newcastle regained the two-goal advantage midway through the second and added one in the third to win the game and take the series two games to one.

The Monarchs are waiting for league officials to set up a consolation round.

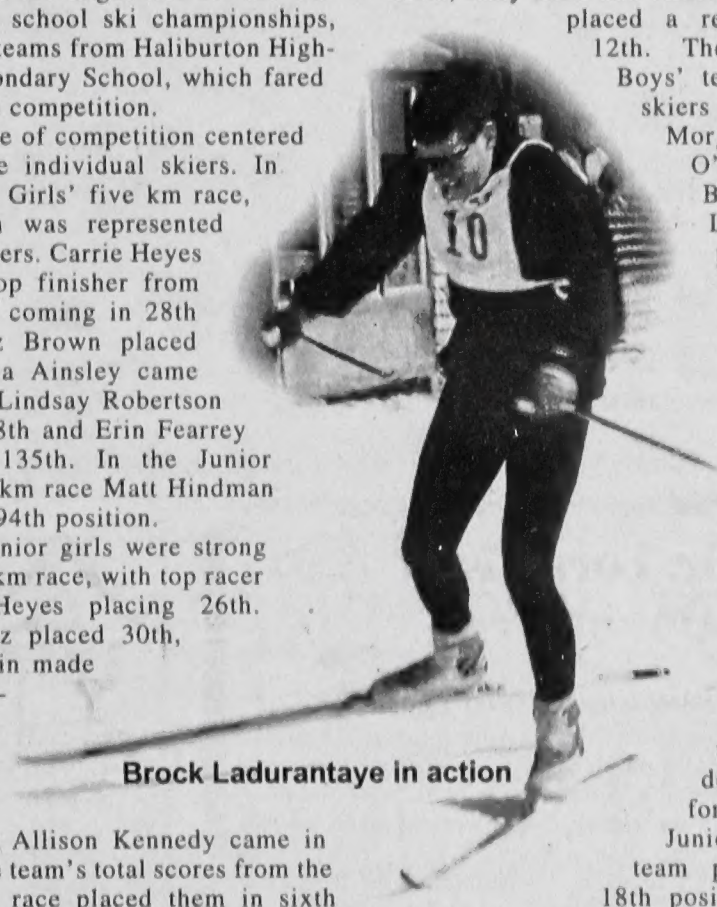
600 athletes from across Ontario competed

HHSS skiers excel at OFSAA Championships

The weather was perfect for the 1999 OFSAA Nordic Skiing Championships last week at Haliburton's Glebe Park. Hundreds of skiers descended on the Highlands for the Ontario high school ski championships, including teams from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, which fared well in the competition.

Day one of competition centered around the individual skiers. In the Junior Girls' five km race, Haliburton was represented by five skiers. Carrie Heyes was the top finisher from Hal High, coming in 28th place. Liz Brown placed 65th, Erica Ainsley came in 108th, Lindsay Robertson placed 118th and Erin Fearrey came in 135th. In the Junior Boys' six km race Matt Hindman placed in 94th position.

The Senior girls were strong in the six km race, with top racer Ainsley Heyes placing 26th. Steph Ratz placed 30th, Kristi Bolin made 56th position, Jordana Bain came in 116th and Allison Kennedy came in 146th. The team's total scores from the individual race placed them in sixth position overall.



Brock Ladurantaye in action

Four HHSS Senior Boys competed in the 10 km individual race. Daniel Moran placed 126th, Ryan O'Neil placed 134th, Brock Ladurantaye came in 141st and John Heffer placed in the 151st position.

On the second day of competition, the teams skied in the relay competition. The Haliburton Junior Girls' team, consisting of Carrie Heyes, Erica Ainsley and Liz Brown placed in 18th spot. The Senior Girls' team of Steph Ratz, Amy Ellis and Ainsley Heyes, placed a respectable 12th. The Senior Boys' team, with skiers Dan Morgan, Ryan O'Neil and Brock Ladurantaye, placed 25th.

When competition wrapped up, the total team scores showed that the Hal High teams put forth a tremendous effort. The Junior Girls' team placed in 18th position. The Senior Girls' team had good results throughout the competition and placed 10th overall, and the senior boys placed in 25th position. The Haliburton ski team hashad an excellent season and many skiers are undoubtedly already planning for next years season.

Red Umbrella Ice Fishing Derby Saturday

Red Umbrella Inn's sixth annual Ice Fishing Derby will take place this Saturday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature more than $10,000 in cash and prizes if a full field of entries is realized. With just a week left to register, entries were down slightly from last year's numbers. The 1998 event drew about 100 anglers. By contrast, more than 300 competitors took to the ice the second year of the event.

Tickets are $50 per person. They are available at Red Umbrella (489-2462); Minden Live Bait & Tackle (286-4826); or Outdoors Plus, Haliburton (457-3113).

The derby is subject to all Ministry of Natural Resources regulations.

Province's top high school skiers competed at Glebe Park

Some of the 600 competitors at the OFSAA Nordic Ski Championships in Haliburton wait in anticipation for the final results on Friday afternoon. HHSS competitors recorded some excellent individual and team results. Eric Fullerton of Mayfield Secondary School, top right, skates to the finish line in the senior Boys' relay. His team finished 20th in that event.

Local teams place second and third

Two Minden rinks, skipped by Etta McCann and Marie Lennard, were among the eight teams that competed in the Four Towns Ladies' League Bonspiel in Fenelon Falls on February 19. Haliburton also sent two teams to the 'Spiel to take on teams from Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon. They were skipped by Phyllis Woodcock and Dianne Tigert.

McCann's team, which includes vice Joan Davies, second Winn Taylor and lead Marilyn Burrows, took second place in the event.

Third place went to the Haliburton rink skipped by Phyllis Woodcock, with vice Emily LaRue, second Jean Heckel and lead Bernice Scott.

The Marg McIsaac rink from the host club took top honours for the day.

The next league event will be held in Haliburton on March 10.

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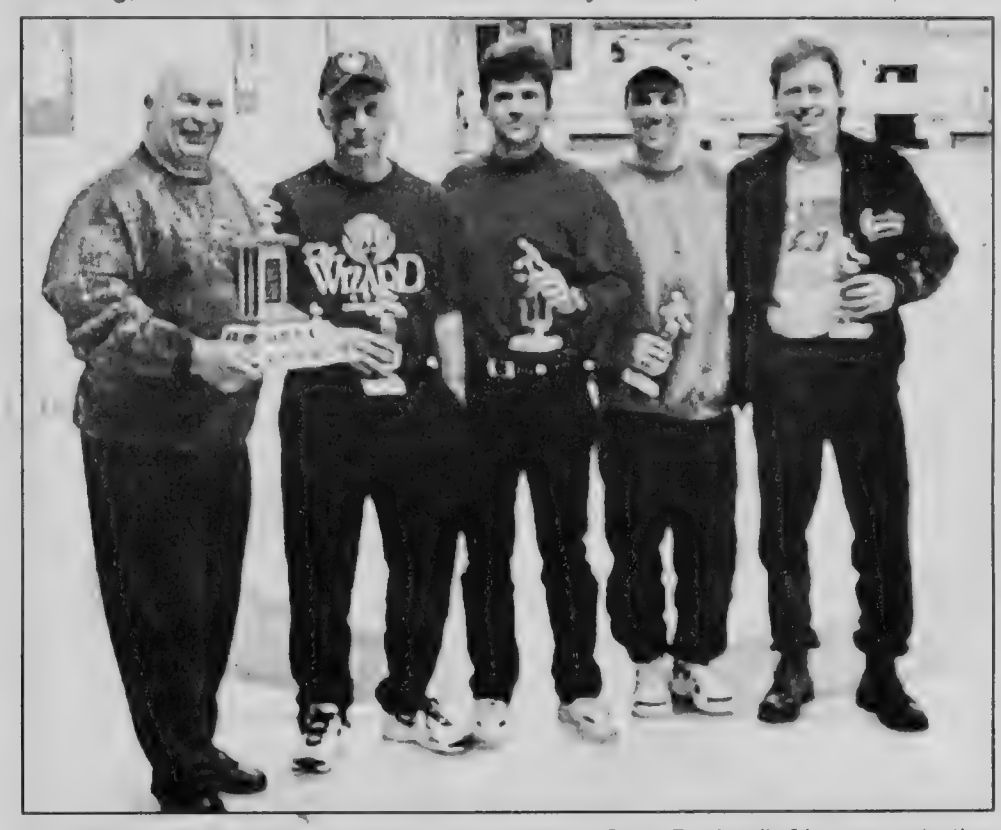
A EVENT WINNERS: Bonspiel co-ordinators Dave MCKay (left) presents the Prentice Power Sports Trophy to the winners of the A Event of the Rockbuster Bonspiel, held at the Minden Curling Club February 19-21. The winning team, from Elmira, included (l to r): Skip Doug Adams, vice Bill Cushing, second Stan Stitts and lead Amsey Weber.

B EVENT WINNERS: Minden Curling Club President Cheryl Murdoch, left, presents the North Shore Lawn and Garden Trophy to B Event winners from the Minden club. They are (l to r): Skip Ted Wilkes, vice Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor and lead Todd Grainger.



C EVENT WINNERS: Bonspiel co-ordinator Stan Dutka (left) presents the Sid Stamp Fuels trophy to the C Event winners from Tam Heather. They are (l to r): Skip Mike Knightly, vice Norm Abbott, second Gary Coyle and lead Pete Kostin.

D EVENT WINNERS: Bonspiel co-ordinator Jean Dutka, left, presents the Dollo's IGA Trophy to the D Event winners from Port Perry. They are (l to r): Skip Larry Rogalski, vice Keith Puckrin, second Dave Lee and lead Andy Morrison.

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Eric Burk rolls 329 single in Men's League

Legion 636 Mixed League

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High single: Sheila Burke 233; Bob Vankoughnet 235
High single (handicap): Sheila Burke 286; Pat Scadden 260
High triple: Sheila Burke 587; Fred Knight 589
High triple (handicap): Sheila Burke 746; Marcel Roussel 728

Monday Night Mixed League

High average: Michelle Moore 197; Scott Moore 229
High single: Michelle Moore 221; Al Clement 262
High single (POA): June Philip +48; Darren Cole +95
High triple: Michelle Moore 568; Al Clement 673
High triple (POA): Tara Whitaker +72; Darren Cole +141

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Theresa Fox 178; Bob Bullen 208
High single: Jo Newton 293; Dalton Flatt 225
High single (handicap): Jo Newton 345; Dalton Flatt 294
High triple: Jo Newton 626; Bob Bullen 770
High triple (handicap): Jo Newton 782; Bob Bullen 812

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Cathy Snell 233; Alex Little 220
High single: Marylou Packard 284; Len Punt Jr. 287
High single (handicap): Marylou Packard 335; Len Punt Jr. 294
High triple: Cathy Snell 694; Len Punt Jr. 745
High triple (handicap): Marylou Packard 782; Len Punt Jr. 766

Wednesday Night Men's League

High average: Scott Moore 240
High single: Eric Burk 329
High single (handicap): Eric Burk 331
High triple: Len Punt sr. 684
High triple (handicap): Alex Little 731

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Edith Alzner 168; Addie Dykstra 197
High single: Jo Newton 228; Ray Lymer 235
High single (handicap): Jo Newton 281; Ray Lymer 257
High triple: Jo Newton 628; Howard Smith 558
High triple (handicap): Jo Newton 787; Howard Smith 729

Thursday Night Mixed League

High average: Marlene Robinson 190; Walt Stegmaier 221
High single: Joan Rivard 233; Bryan Rivard 254
High single (handicap): Joan McKay 251; Brian Morrison 269
High triple: Marlene Robinson 653; Matt Harding 588
High triple (handicap): Joan Rivard 678; Carl Hie 724

JD Crowe records shutout as Monarchs blank Bobcaygeon

The Minden Atom B Monarchs haven't been idle as they wait to see who they will play next in the consolation round. The Monarchs travelled to Bobcaygeon to tangle with the Cougars on Monday, February 22.

The Cougars were unable to get a shot past Minden goaltender JD Crowe, who earned the shutout.

The 'Caygeon goalie wasn't as lucky, giving up seven goals in the 7-0 Minden romp.

Cody Mills scored two goals and helped set up two more to lead the Minden attack. Tyler Anderson scored the first Minden goal, which proved to be the game winner. He also picked up one assist. Travis Walker notched a goal and two assists, while Dave McGlade, Mackie Campbell, and David Toye picked up a goal and one assist apiece. Adam Googh and Steve Draker notched two assists each, with a single helper going to Judd Campbell.

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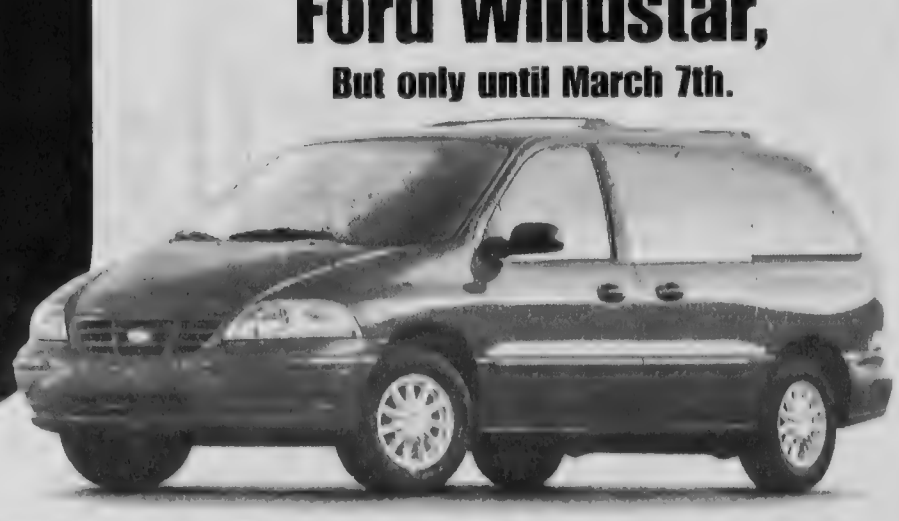

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Peterborough rink wins Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel

by Gail Grainger

The Senior Men's Bonspiel sponsored by Ridgewood Ford of Minden was held at the Minden Curling Rink on February 16. The host and draw master for this year was Russ Fair, who agreed to take over the position from Bill Milford who retired last year. Each team was assigned a "Den Mommy" as it arrived. Each lady looked after two teams, one on each draw. This included serving them their coffee, tea and Danish in the morning and lunch when they came off the ice. They also rooted for their teams even when they happened to be playing against a home team. All the ladies were dressed in black slacks and white blouses, adding an extra touch of class to an already classy event.

As any event that is held in the winter, weather played a major role. This year, Mother Nature smiled upon us and all the teams were able to make it to the event. There were 16 rinks this year with two draws. Haliburton, Dalewood, Fenelon Falls and Minden each sent two teams. The teams from Dalewood curl out of the Port Hope Curling Club. The other rinks were Peterborough, South Muskoka, Orillia, Bobcaygeon, Bancroft, Lindsay, Beaverton and Woodville.

George Cricton's rink from Bobcaygeon was back to defend its title. George is in his 90s and he sure gives those youngsters (as he calls them) a good game. But this was not the year for George's rink to make it two wins in a row. Knowing George, he will be back next year to try and take back the title.

The first place team from the first draw was the rink skipped by Wayne Worlsey from the Fenelon Falls Curling Club. His vice was Greg Williams, second Eric Allen and lead Bryan Burgess. They won with a total of 34 points. The second place rink was from the Woodville Curling Club. It was skipped by Joe Willemse, with vice Bob Snelgrove, second Bill Veale and lead Al Squires. The third place team was from Beaverton Curling Club. It was skipped by Al Corner, with vice John Van Velzen, second Frank Gill and lead Dave Tasker. The team from the Orillia Curling Club was skipped by Vic Hill and placed fourth in the first draw. His vice was Doug Townes, second John Cook and lead Bruno Foellmer.

The second draw was very interesting. Wayne Worsley and his rink had to wait until the end of the second draw to see if his rink would be the overall winner. It was a seesaw battle, but it finally came down to the final end and the rink skipped by John Blodgett from the Peterborough Curling Club won the first prize for the second draw and, with a total of 36 points, was the overall winner. His vice was Phil Chamberlain, second Don Adams and lead Rennie Saunders. John and his rink took home four steaks, half of their entry fee, and will now have their name on the Ridgewood Ford Trophy. Congratulations!

The second place rink was George Bull of Haliburton. His vice was Peter Shepherd, second Bill Hare and lead Ralph Young. The third place rink was skipped by Jack DeBois from the Lindsay Curling Club. His vice was Gord Smith, second Steve O'Neill and lead Ron Fevang. The fourth place rink was skipped by Ted Wilkes of the Minden Curling Club. His vice was Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor and lead Todd Grainger.

Russ Fair presented the trophy on behalf of Larry

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OVERALL WINNER: The rink skipped by John Blodgett of Peterborough took top honours at the annual Ridgewood Ford Senior Men's Curling Bonspiel. The Ridgewood Ford Trophy was presented to the Blodgett rink by Russ Fair of the Minden Curling Club (centre), The Peterborough team included (l to r): Skip John Blodgett, vice Phil Chamberlain, second Don Adams and lead Rennie Saunders.

FIRST PLACE, FIRST DRAW: The Fenelon Falls rink Skipped by Wayne Worsley, left, captured first place in the first draw of the Ridgewood Ford Senior Men's Curling Bonspiel. His team included (l to r):*Vice Greg Williams, second Eric Allen and lead Bryan Burgess.

Ted Wilkes' team tops Minden entries in Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel

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Moynes to John Blodgett of the Peterborough Curling Club and his rink.

All first place winners received four steaks each, second place winners received three steaks, third place winners received two steaks and fourth place received one steak.

A very special thank you to Helen Rice and Joan Davies for making the delicious stew and the Apple Brown Betty with whipped cream for dessert. To Muriel Harrington, who always does a great job of checking the teams in and running the 50/50 draw. To Howard Scott our ice maker Keith Fountain his assistant, Cat Wilson our bartender, Jim Burrows for the graphics and Frank Codlin for looking after the scoreboard. To all the Den Mommies -- Marilyn Burrows, Winn Taylor, Gail Grainger, Gail Flook, Carla Fountain, Jean Hadley, Ruby Wilkes and Doreen (Old Wounded Knee) Spencley. Thank you ladies.

Good curling. See you at the rink!

Novice B Monarchs downed by Mariposa

A Novice B hockey playoff game in Minden February 20 saw the visiting Mariposa team go home with a 3-0 win and two points for their effort.

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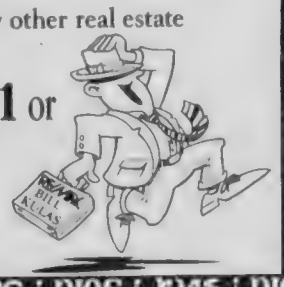

There's still time to sign up for March bonspiels

by Sandy Cole

"Two thumbs up" for last weekend's very successful "Rockbuster" Men's Bonspiel. Organizers Dave McKay and Stan and Jean Dutka report that the 'spiel went off without a hitch. Certainly their hard work made everything go smoothly.

The event featured competitive curling, superb food from Sharon Kernohan and her team, and excellent prizes up for grabs. (When can I try your new BBQ Ted?) Congratulations to all who participated and remember to bring an extra team with you next year to kick off the year 2000.

Grab your pen and sign up yourself or your team for the annual Straw and Stone Mixed Bonspiel, to be held on March 5 and 6. This 'spiel is loads of fun with the curl in costume option on Saturday afternoon and finishing off with a super pot luck dinner. Sign up at the club today or call Zelda at 286-2615. If you don't have a team but would like to play Zelda will help you out. Don't miss this must attend event.

The annual ladies', "Sweep into Spring," on March 26 and 27 has been full for some time but because of popular demand we will be adding extra draws to accommodate all the ladies who do not want to miss the 'spiel of the century. Call Cheryl Murdoch at 286-1701 for your spot in this event but remember; don't delay, call right away if you want one of the few remaining spots.

The Junior club year end bonspiel will be held on March 21. Notices with times and details will be given to the kids soon.

Circle April 24 on your calendar for this year's annual club banquet.

Nomination forms will be handed out this coming week for our annual elections. Our club runs every year on the time and energy of volunteers who are involved to make our club the success it is. Each year you have the chance to nominate yourself or someone you know who could join the team of executives to help our club stay strong and vibrant. You do not need any special skills or requirements other than the willingness to help your club. If you, or someone you know, has some time and energy to give to the club, please ask and nominate them for the election.

League scores for February 18 to 23:

Thursday Night Mixed

Cheryl Murdoch 7, Sharon Kernohan 0
Pat Woodcroft 8, Sandy Cole 1
Ted Wilkes 9, Melanie Vigrass 5

Friday Night Mixed

Zelda Cooper 8, Bill Roodenburg 7
Cheryl Murdoch 10, Frank Franzen ?

Monday Night Ladies

Melanie Vigrass 10, Dana Kinsman 8
Pat Woodcroft 9, Zelda Cooper 3
M.J. Irwin 9, Pat Campbell 4

Tuesday Night Mens

Dwight Thomas 10, Ross Davies 5
Ted Wilkes 6, Bill Roodenburg 4
Russ Duhaime ?, Dave McAdam 2
Alf Trotter 15, Paul Prentice 1

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON: The Minden and District Kinsmen1999 Ice Racing season is history. In spite of some water pump problems, the track was kept in good shape thanks to the assistance of the municipality. The township's help was appreciated not only by race organizers and the racers themselves, but also by the local businesses, which benefitted from the influx of competitors and spectators.

Junior team wins bronze

Youth Bowling Council

Smurf
High average: Karen Prozak 60
High single: Bailey Cole 44
High double: Bailey Cole 64

Peewee
High average: Tori Brown 111; Eric Whitty 80
High single: Tori Brown 142; Eric Whitty 106
High double: Tori Brown 257; Eric Whitty 203

Bantam
High average: Brandy Cole 72; Brad Brown 94
High single: Brandy Cole 107; Robert Cox 113
High triple: Brandy Cole 267; Jake Walker 292

Junior
High average: Kelly Berry 176; Matt Reinwald 184
High single: Lesley Cox 160; Brad Mickle 165
High single (handicap): Lesley Cox 214; Jeff Mickle 186
High triple: Lesley Cox 403; Joey Cox 500
High triple (handicap): Lesley Cox 565; Jeremy Upton 612

Congratulations to the Junior team of Dennis Cox, Joey Cox, Brad Mickle, Jeff Mickle and Ryan Clarke for bringing home the Bronze Medal from the Four Steps to Stardom Tournament.

Senior
High average: Elizabeth Goldenberg 153; Trevor Clement 180
High single: Elizabeth Goldenberg 139; Scott Philip 157
High single (handicap): Elizabeth Goldenberg 177; Scott Philip 202
High triple: Elizabeth Goldenberg 412; Scott Philip 424
High triple (handicap): Elizabeth Goldenberg 526; Scott Philip 595

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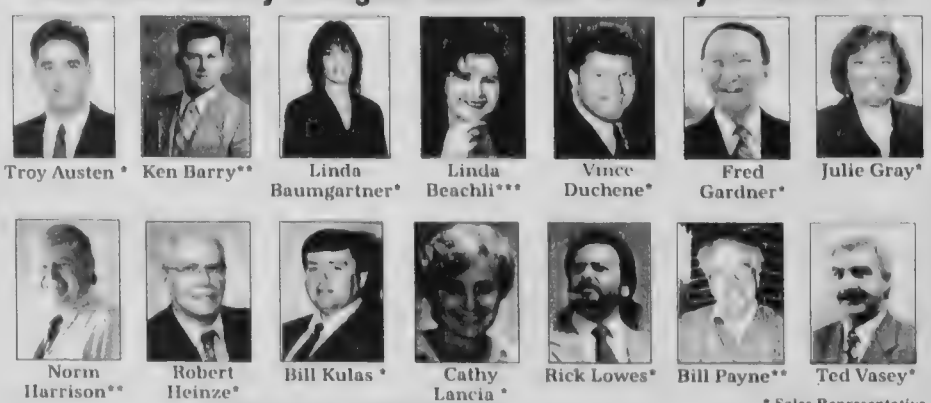

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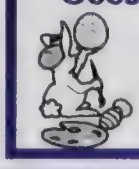

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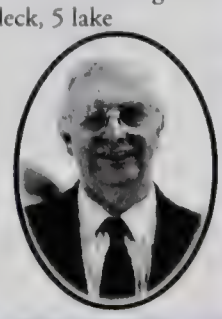

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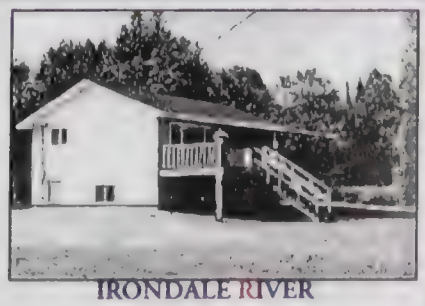

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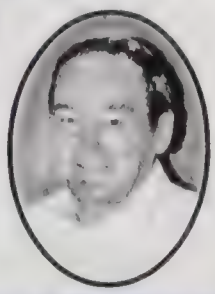

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Ridgewood speakers compete

by Cynthia Brown and Chantelle Therien of the Ridgewood Press Club

The Ridgewood Public School's gym was full of judges, speakers, parents, and grade seven and eight students February 4. It was 'a speechy' day!

There were nine speakers. Tara Brohm came first, with her speech on Swissair flight 111. Lydia Fogwell was second with her speech on the Cherynoble victims in Belarus. Kya Lewis placed third with her speech on commercials and Alana Austin was fourth with her speech on the Y2K problem.

The other five participants were Chantelle Therien, Kelly Fraser, Yvonne Olsen, David Demers and last but not least Ryan Watson. The winners went to the Legion on February eighth to represent Ridgewood Public School.

Lydia Fogwell won first place, and will be returning to the Legion on March seventh for the next level of competition. We wish her luck.

Why?

Because we love you!"

This is the opening which won the judges' hearts when Melody Fogwell began her speech and won first for the junior speak off at Ridgewood Public School. The contestants did a great job, especially Codie Crockford who placed second with her speech about the piano and AJ Lee with "Tigers" placed third. Runner up, with her speech on the Kinmount Fair, was Mallory Crego.

Later at the Legion, there were three different schools participating in the speak-off. They were St. John's and Lady Mackenzie from Kirkfield and the proud Ridgewood. Unfortunately no Ridgewood students placed among the top two speakers.

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Junior Speakers

by Kasey Nicholson and Michelle Simmons of the Ridgewood Press Club

"M.I.C... See you real soon!
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Kids For Christ meet at ASES

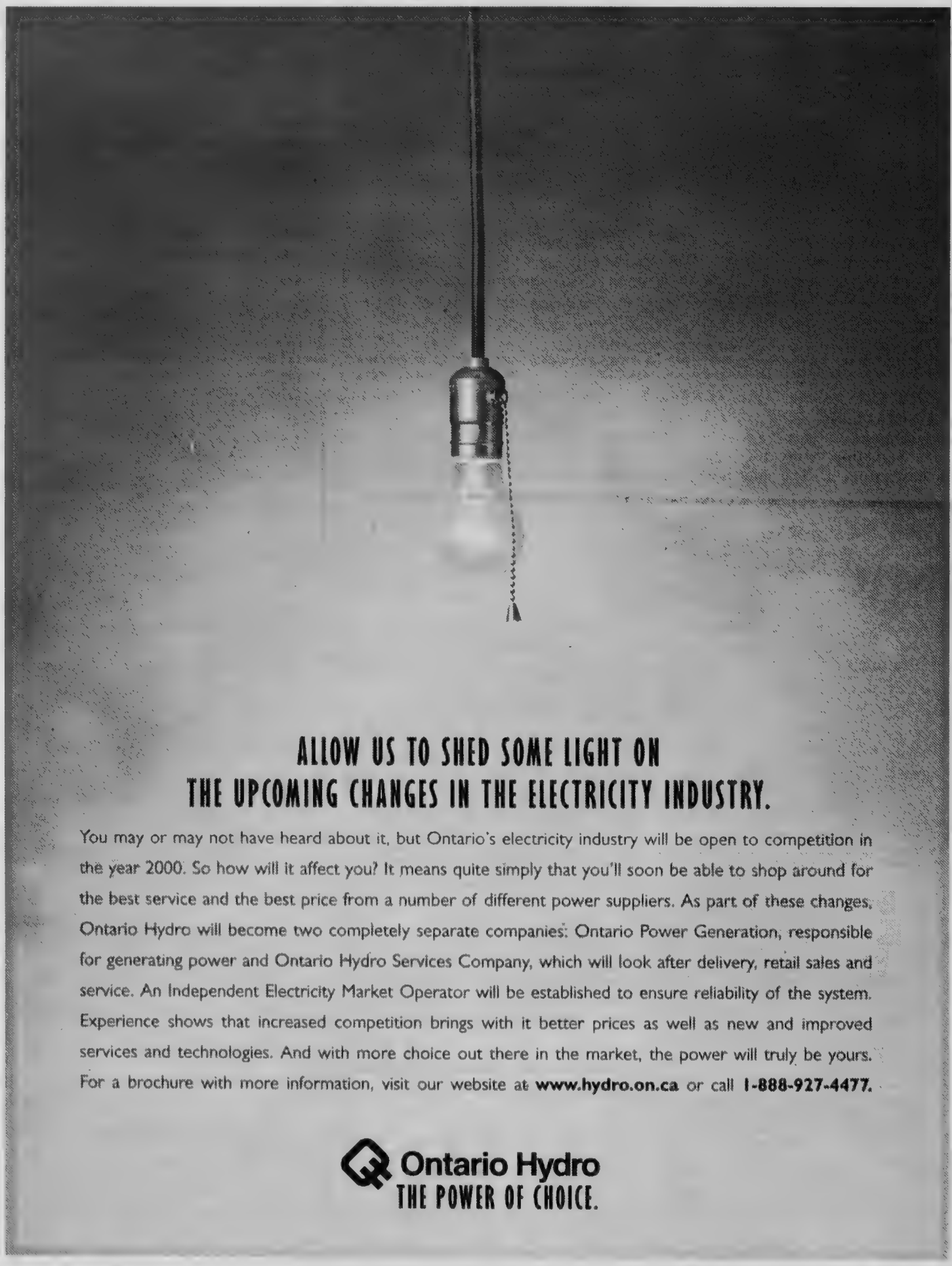
By Josh Wales of the Archie Stouffer Press Club

If one were to walk down the hallways of Archie Stouffer on Mondays at lunchtime, one might hear the strains of "Our God is an Awesome God" or "Jesus Love Me".

Those singers are Kids For Christ, or KFC as it is called, a group of 15 to 20 kids from grades four through eight. The group meets to sing songs, led by Mr. Johnson on the guitar, read psalms and stories from the bible and to pray and share their love of Jesus.

The group was started by Noelle Johnson, a grade eight student, and her dad, ASES teacher Ray Johnson. Noelle got her idea from other youth groups aimed at worshipping Jesus around Haliburton such as Break Away. Because of the lack of such an organization in Minden, she brought her idea to her father, who volunteered to host such a club in his grade six classroom.

"I was just trying to get more people to come out and love Jesus," said Noelle. Although the KFC attendance is down from last year, she is still happy about the success that it has had and is sure to have in the future.



Provincial grant will spawn trout study for river

The Burnt Irondale Fisheries Enhancement Association has spawned some provincial interest in its work in the form of a $15,000 grant from the Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Fund.

Pat Kennedy, the chair of the provincial Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board handed over a cheque for $15,000 to the association's Fred Simmons. The funding will go toward hiring a consultant to examine the suitability of trout in the river,

"This is the kind of situation that the Ministry of Natural Resources is excited about. This is not a one-shot deal by any means," said Kennedy who noted that the Provincial government is creating similar partnerships between government bodies and groups such as the Burnt Irondale non-profit group.

Fred Simmons said that the association hoped to allow greater access for greater fishing and recreation opportunities. Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney was on hand and stated that the municipality and the Ministry of Transportation were in discussion and Snowdon would be taking over the Furnace Falls Parkette. Simmons said that the river was a challenging project, due to its great length and its accessibility. He noted that it was also important for communities that could utilize the river system, should look at increasing accommodation facilities for anglers and tourists.

FISH NET WORTH: Pat Kennedy, chair of the Provincial Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board, presented Fred Simmons of the Burnt Irondale Fisheries Enhancement Association with a cheque for $15,000 to study river improvements. Also on hand was MNR representative Ross Wray.

County-wide textile drive

(from page 4)

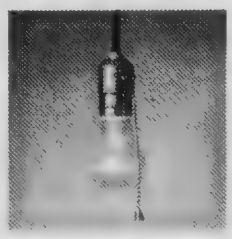
Councillors were enthusiastic about the concept, after a presentation was made by Peterborough Green-up representatives Steve Johnson and Sylvia Miedinger. Peterborough Green-up is a community based group that also organizes in home energy audits and other environmental programs. It has been sponsoring the textile drive in Peterborough County for several years, and they both felt it would be an excellent program for Haliburton County.

A textile drive runs for about three weeks. Several depots are set up in high traffic areas and residents can drop off an assortment of items such as old clothing, sheets, blankets, fur and leather goods. The items are collected on a regular basis during the campaign and then are distributed to agencies such as the Salvation Army for local and overseas projects. The unusable items are taken for recycling.

Steve Johnson noted that the organization has diverted one and a half million pounds of textiles (roughly 45 tractor trailer loads) from Peterborough County waste disposal sites. "It's a very positive way for people to feel that they are reducing the waste in our dumps," said Johnson.

The program would cost the county $2,000 and would allow for each municipality to host a depot site. It is also expected that under the agreement, the county would provide advertising and promotion costs for the program.

All councillors were enthusiastic about the prospect of reducing waste in Haliburton County landfill sites. The council approved the payment of $2,000 and expects to have the program running in August to allow cottagers to access the programs.



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Elder abuse annual meeting

A review of progress over the past year and gathering information and suggestions from interested parties on how to further combat the problem of elder abuse in the area were the main items on the agenda last month as the Haliburton Elder Abuse Committee hosted its annual meeting.

The meeting was well attended, with representatives from such diverse groups as the Haliburton Hospital, Haliburton County Home Support Services, Therapacc, the Victorian Order of Nurses, the local banks, church groups and others — people who see the effects of elder abuse on a regular basis.

Beth Archibald, a member of the committee, as well as the program manager for Supportive Housing initiative in Haliburton County reviewed what the Elder Abuse Committee has done over the course of the year.

Currently the committee, which is now under the sponsorship of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, is gathering data and creating a comprehensive stockpile of information on elder abuse from sources including seniors' organizations across Canada, local contacts, legal counsel and statistics. The goal is to have a all-encompassing bank of data that could be used to direct residents of Haliburton County in need of assistance. The process has also allowed members to look at the duplication and gaps in the services offered by various groups.

The Elder Abuse committee has spent much of its time creating its mission statement and determining its objectives. It has also been involved in discussions with various groups that have already established elder abuse committee. It is particularly interested in the Victoria County model. In Victoria County, the elder abuse committee is well established, with a paid employee, Stella Dean. It also has a phone service to provide information for victims and families affected by elder abuse. The Victoria County group was interested in sharing its experiences and, according to Archibald, has been very supportive of the committee's efforts to enhance local services.

In the fall, with the help of the OPP, the Elder Abuse committee also sponsored a seminar with Sergeant Barry Elliot of PhoneBusters, an OPP program to combat telephone and mail scams, especially those aimed at seniors. Elliot provided the committee with a video program on the subject. The members hope to show it at various events throughout the year.

The meeting concluded with a brainstorming session and a review of initiatives that would be useful to spreading the word on elder abuse. Representatives from the county's financial institutions suggested showing the elder abuse video at the banks to give the issue blanket coverage. The group also looked at various funding possibilities for the future.

The Haliburton Elder Abuse Committee meets on a monthly basis. The group welcomes community members interested in its work.

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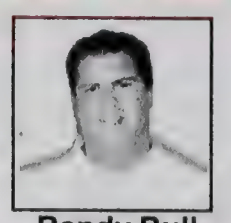
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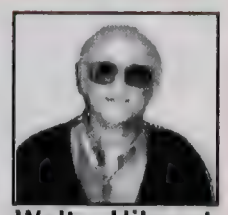
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Jasper's Kitchen Manager is Jim Packard.

And, if the steady stream of clients are any indication, they have more than succeeded. Since opening in August of last year next to Minden's Jug City on Highway 35, the reputation of the restaurant continues to grow.

Teri ascribes Jasper's success to the staff they have been able to attract to the Restaurant. In particular, two key positions are filled by qualified and respected individuals in their own areas of expertise.

Jim Packard is the Kitchen Manager. A Haliburton County native, Jim received his training at George Brown College in Toronto. He has more than 25 years experience in the food service industry.

Lisa Gray is Jasper's Pastry Chef. She has worked in some of the largest bakeries in Toronto, before taking on the post at Jaspers. Lisa creates all of the sinfully-good desserts served in the restaurant.... don't miss her Chocolate Raspberry Cream Cake.

Working with these two key personnel is the attentive wait staff, Lisa, Tracy, Phil, Dale and Dawn ready to look after your dining needs. Stephen and Jay assist in the kitchen.

Don't forget Wednesday Nights at Jaspers is all you can eat buffet night. For just $10.95 you can sample an assortment of salads and breads, roast beef, ham or lamb served with vegetable and potato. Go back as often as you like and top it off with a tasty dessert. What a great way to confirm their philosophy for yourself. The Wednesday night buffet is so popular, we recommend you make reservations.

Teri and Tom look forward to welcoming you soon to Jasper's. The rich warm colour of the log post and beam construction and the large field stone fireplace gives the restaurant a warm familiar atmosphere. "We want people to feel they come into our home to dine," Teri said.

Jaspers, is fully licenced. It is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 286-6286.

Pastry Chef, Lisa, creates sinfully-good desserts at Jasper's.

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Peer mediators help on the playground

by Meghan Kernohan and Meagan Bradley of the Archie Stouffer Press Club

It's 10:34 and it's quiet. Suddenly the bell rings. Out come all the kids for recess. A disagreement breaks out between two kids and the peer mediators are immediately on the job.

For three years Mrs. Bennett has been running the peer mediation program. The grades six to eight students have been helping teachers by peer mediating the Kindergarten to grade three yards, so that they can have a safer recess. All the peer mediators enjoy the job and they like making it a part of their day. It benefits them because they are happy to see all of the primary children in the yard playing nicely and acting friendly.

Peer mediators are not there to break up fights. They do give advice to children who are having a dispute on how to find better ways to work out their problems. The teachers enjoy all the help they are receiving from the peer mediating students who are willing to give up their lunch hour and go onto the yard and help solve the kids' problems.

Peer Mediation has been a wonderful thing in the school. The kids love it and the teachers are grateful. Way to go ASES!

Students Kristen Campbell and Tori Brown with peer mediator Natasha Payne: helping to resolve disputes.

Cookie sale helps hospital

by Meagan Bradley and Josh Wales of the Archie Stouffer Press Club

On February 11 and 12, the senior and Junior Kindergarten classes had a cookie sale to help raise money for the construction of the new hospital. It all started with a home project where children were to make cookies with their families. Then Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Dawson decided to tell the kids to bring in twelve cookies to sell at 10 cents apiece.

On the eleventh, the Senior Kindergarten classes went around to the grade six through eight classes and the following day the Junior Kindergarten classes went to grades one through four. Thank you for the donations towards the hospital fund from everyone at ASES.

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BREAKFAST BUCKS: Volunteer Lisa Gray accepts a donation of $500 from Minden Legion 636 President Francine Newton. The money will go towards the purchase of food and supplies for the Archie Stouffer Breakfast club which gives students a nutritious start to their day.

Student movie helpers Mike Janke, Krista Ross, Allan Francis and Brett Davey with teacher Mrs. Handley.

Antz help at Ridgewood

by Krista Ross and Lydia Fogwell of the Ridgewood Press Club

Ridgewood Public School presented a great movie comedy that your children would have loved. Antz! The hit movie was shown on February 26 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm. It was held in the gymnasium. The idea was suggested at one of the school council meetings to raise funds.

The cost per person was $2, much better than your average theatre. The council was hoping for $100 so that they could raise funds for school projects such as playground equipment, musical instruments, but they exceeded their goal by $500. Quite impressive. There was pop corn and pop which only sold for 75 cents.

Start looking forward to the next production "Prince of Egypt", which will be held on March 26 and 27. See you there.

Health is the main focus of latest budget

Ottawa report
by John O'Reilly, MP

The 1999 federal budget builds on the government's commitment to enhance Canadians' quality of life. Since the elimination of the deficit in the 1998 budget, three-quarters of all new federal government spending has focussed on health care and education. Canadians are moving into the next century with optimism, looking forward to a better standard of living and the chance to build a future on the strong foundation of our economy.

This budget makes health the focus of the largest single investment this government has ever made. Over the next five years, provinces and territories will receive an additional $11.5 billion — specifically for health care. This additional funding will help provinces and territories deal with immediate concerns about waiting lists, crowded emergency rooms and diagnostic services. We are also investing close to $1.4 billion in health information systems, research, prevention efforts and other initiatives to improve the lives and health of Canadians.

Canada is well positioned to be a leader in the knowledge-based economy of the 21st century. We know that our productivity and economic growth depend on innovation. The Budget builds on previous federal government investments in research, knowledge, and innovation. Funding of $1.8 billion for the remainder of 1998-99 and the next three years will strengthen research facilities, provide more opportunities for advanced research, develop new and better uses of the information highway, and directly support employment, especially for youth.

The federal government has provided targeted tax relief in each of its previous budgets, and in 1999, we begin the process of broadening tax relief to reach more Canadians. Our approach is clear. First, tax reductions must benefit those who need them most - low and middle-income Canadians. Second, tax relief should focus on personal income taxes. Third, tax relief should not be financed with borrowed money.

The Budget provides cumulative tax relief of $7.7 billion over three fiscal years and benefits each and every Canadian taxpayer, especially low- and middle-income Canadians. The 1998 and 1999 budgets together provide Canadians with cumulative tax relief of $16.5 billion over the next three years.

This budget's measures include the elimination of the three per cent surtax and an additional $300 million to Canada Child Tax Benefit payments to low- and middle-income families. Just as Budget 1998 included measures to remove 400,000 Canadians from the tax rolls, this budget will remove an additional 200,000, bringing to 600,000 the number of Canadians who no longer pay any federal income tax.

The Budget builds on the same strategy of sound economic and fiscal management that saw the elimination of a $42 billion deficit in just four years. And last year, for the first time in 28 years, we recorded a surplus of $3.5 billion.

We are on target to reduce our debt burden. Our Debt Repayment Plan and our economic growth will ensure that the debt-to-GDP ratio - what we owe in relation to what we earn - remains on a steady downward track.

The 1999 Budget marks a passage to a new era for Canada. We are building on the hard work and sacrifices all Canadians made to put our nation's finances back in order. Now is the time for new investment and new optimism as we devote ourselves to the priorities of Canadians. Together we will continue to strengthen and fortify our quality of life with a strong and productive economy, equal opportunities for all and a safety net for those in need.

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A By-Law to close and convey part of the original shore road allowance being Part 1, Plan 19R-6584, fronting upon Part Lot 14, Concession 14, in the Township of Snowdon in the County of Haliburton, being frontage upon Canning Lake.
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ARCHIE STOUFFER ARTISTS: Minden Legion President Francine Newton presented two Archie Stouffer Students with plaques, after they placed first in the Legion poster and essay writing contests. Clara Suh placed first in the Intermediate Essay category and Shane Both won the Intermediate colour poster section. Both competitors will now move on to the area competitions.

Warden's report

Victoria County approves budget

by Victoria County Warden John Macklem

County Council approved the capital and operating budget for 1999. The capital budget includes a five year plan, identifying the capital projects to be done from 1999 to 2003. Much higher costs are expected in the waste management area, which will require the issuance of several debentures in the five year period. Landfill operations will be streamlined, in order to improve landfill operating profits, and those profits are to be used to service the debenture costs.

The operating budget created an increase of 2.3 per cent in the County levy to its local municipalities. The increase can be broken down in this manner:

- 1% for increased capital spending needs
- 1% to build up County reserves to be prepared for future financial demands
- 0.3% for inflation.

The Library budget has been increased to allow the introduction of new technologies to the branches. The level of service in all other departments is being maintained in this budget, while keeping the tax levy as low as possible. The Social Services budget has changed substantially, to reflect the alliance of the department with Haliburton County and the downloading of responsibility of administering the Family Benefits Act caseloads, and the new dental benefits programs as well.

The 2.3% increase will amount to $12 on a property assessed at $100,000 anywhere in Victoria County.

The capital budget identifies some major costs in the near future arising from the County's Waste Management operations. In sighting a new landfill the County is facing up to $40 million in capital costs over the coming years. Plans are being put in place, as part of the budget process, to administer these costs through the issuing of debentures. Debentures must be carefully managed, because they commit the finances of the County over long periods of time, normally up to ten years. The County budget plans to include changes being made in landfill sites, so that these profits are able to pay for the carrying costs of the debentures that are planned. These costs are much larger than the capital costs the County has been accustomed to handling in the past, and so careful financial planning is essential, to safely manage the financial impact of these costs in a way that will minimize the impact on County ratepayers in the coming years.

Emergency Plan for the County

The Finance and General Administration Committee considered a report on developing an emergency plan for Victoria County. This report was prompted by a letter received from the Tri-Emergency Services of Victoria County requesting that the County have an up-to-date contingency plan for emergencies. County Council adopted a resolution that the County seek consent and co-operation from the lower tier municipalities to this effect. The response from the local municipalities will be reported once they are obtained.

Economic development negotiations

County Council endorsed a resolution that the County enter into negotiations with the Town of Lindsay concerning the County/Town Economic Development Agreement and that the County not terminate the current agreement early.

Shared planning services

The Warden, Chair of the County Planning Advisory Committee and the CAO have been authorized to meet with representatives of the Town of Lindsay to discuss options available relative to shared planning services.

Direction was provided to the CAO and Warden to negotiate a lease with the Victoria Haliburton Housing Authority for space at 28 Francis Street in Lindsay.

Implications of Bill 79

Mr. Art Truax, Mayor of Lindsay, was present and addressed County Council with regard to the impact which Division B of Bill 70 will have on the business people in the Town of Lindsay and the effect this impact will have on other areas of the County. Mayor Truax appealed to County Council, requesting that the Warden call a special meeting to hear presentations from the County Treasurer and possibly the Economic Development Director to discuss the implications of this Bill.

Ms. Devon Scott-Ritchie, chairperson of the

(more on page 25) .

Tom Robinson Transmissions

Highway 121 next to Haliburton Lumber **457-1560**

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As per By-Law #2147, County Roads #1 - 20 excluding County Road #10, #39, #648 South (Dyno Mine), shall be posted and enforced for five tonne per axle load restrictions as soon as conditions warrant and signs have been erected.

County Road #10 will be restricted to a 40 km/hour speed limit for fully loaded trucks.

Mr. Leslie A. Shepherd **County Engineer**
Mr. Jim McMahon **Road Chairman**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

File # SR-25/98

Take Notice that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Lutterworth, proposes to enact a by-law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner a portion of the original allowance for road set out and described as follows:

Firstly: ALL and Singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original sixty-six foot shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Part of Lot 17, Concession 7, and being more particularly described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton as Plan 19R-6596.

The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 25th day of March, 1999 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Township of Lutterworth this 23rd day of February, 1999.

Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Township of Lutterworth,
P.O. Box 850,
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Heavy fines for driving under suspension

Queen's Park Report
by Chris Hodgson, MPP

Anyone who has had his or her licence suspended for a Criminal Code conviction had better not get caught driving a vehicle on our roads. This is the message the Ontario Government is making very clear with the most recent measure of the Comprehensive Road Safety Act, 1997 being implemented.

Suspended drivers who have lost their driving privileges because they were convicted of serious offenses such as impaired driving or leaving the scene of an accident have no place on the road. In addition to having their licence revoked, they will have their vehicle impounded should they choose to drive while under suspension.

Vehicle owners will be responsible for paying all towing and storage cost, which should range from $900 to $1,000 per vehicle. The Ministry of Transportation is in the process of setting up impoundment yards across the province.

The onus is now on all of us who own vehicles to ensure that if we lend our vehicle to someone, they have a valid driver's license. In order to be able to check this information quickly and easily, we have set up access to an automated hotline at 1-900-565-6555.

Starting in May, owners will also be able to quickly check the validity of a driver's license through the Ministry web site at www.mot.gov.on.ca/english/dandy/check.htm

In both cases, the vehicle owner will receive confirmation of whether the driver's license is valid, as well as a verification number. In order to protect an individual's privacy, the information will not include information regarding the class of license nor any information relating to conditions of the driver, such as a requirement to wear glasses to drive.

Vehicle owners will also be able to obtain a copy of their driver's abstract through any of the ministries license issuing offices, or ServiceOntario Kiosks.

This new step is a continuation of the province's commitment to ensure that our roads are safe from the unfit drivers. Last fall we introduced higher fines for people caught driving while their license was under suspension. This is merely the next step in keeping those who shouldn't be on the road off of it.

BIA levy under study

(from page 24)

Lindsay Downtown BIA, addressed Council, and advised that, in her opinion, Lindsay is without a doubt, the hub of economic activity in the county. She spoke on behalf of a number of business people in attendance at Council who demonstrated what a devastating impact this will have on their businesses in the Town of Lindsay.

Following the presentations by delegations, County Council adopted a resolution to hold a Special Council Session on February 26, commencing at 1:30 p.m. to hear any new information available, as it relates to the Fairness for Property Taxpayers Act, 1998 (Bill 79), on the optional scheme for setting taxes. Following presentations, council would require a two-thirds vote to reconsider its previous decision to apply division B, being the optional scheme for setting taxes for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000, for commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes, in the County of Victoria and By-Law 1999-05.

The County's Treasury staff will be assembling the information, over the next week, to present to Council at its Special Session.

Municipal government study

Following considerable discussion on the Municipal Government Study, County Council passed a resolution to suspend the work of the Task Force and CN Watson and Associates, pending review of this matter at the special session of council February 26.

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Looking at books

The Gilmour Company and the great white pines

by Susan Wilson

I should like to commend to the readers a new book entitled *When Giants Fall*, by Gary Long and Randy Whiteman, published by Fox Meadow Creations of Huntsville. The "giants" of the title refer both to the great white pines that once covered much of Ontario and to Gilmour and Company, at one time the largest lumber operation in the world.

In the first half of the book, Long sets the stage using material assembled by Whiteman on the Gilmour family, starting in 1790s. The second half focuses on the engineering feat known as the Gilmour tramway, which was built near Dorset a century later. David Gilmour's timber limits at that time included an extensive tract in Algonquin Park. To get the logs to his mill at Trenton, he needed to erect the tramway to lift the logs from the Muskoka watershed over a height of land and into the tributaries of the Gull-Trent system.

Long tells all the parts of this complex story very skilfully, making it clear why the Gilmours were so successful for nearly a century and why the company eventually failed. The excellent use of maps and other illustrations makes it easy to follow the tale as it unfolds. We follow the logs from Canoe Lake in Algonquin Park to Dorset, overland to Raven Lake and St. Nora's, down Buck's Slide, through Minden, and on to Coboconk and the Trent River. Long also paints a word picture of the tramway that makes it easy to envision how it worked.

My own book *Explore Haliburton* touches on the tramway story very sketchily and, I have learned from reading this book, not all that accurately. So I can ignore the little errors that have crept into Long's book.

The Gilmour tramway was an engineering marvel. Its construction contributed to the financial collapse of the company.

For example, Philip Vankoughnet, Upper Canada's Commissioner of Crown Lands in the 1850s and 1860s, is identified as Peter, and Gelert is placed "south of Minden, where the Bobcaygeon Road intersected the Victoria Railway".

When Giants Fall (along with *Timber Empire* by Grace Barker about Mossom Boyd of Bobcaygeon, who held most of the timber limits in Haliburton County) fills in many of the blanks in the compelling saga of the lumber barons who, in just 40 years, changed the face of this part of the world forever. Anyone interested in this part of our history should get themselves a copy of *When Giants Fall*. Under Cover Books in Haliburton village can help you out.

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Warmth in the air provides hint of spring

Senior League
by the Roving Reporters

By the time you read this, February will be history and we will be winding our way towards Easter and hopefully spring. We know winter has been fairly kind to us this year but it will be nice to be able to get out and walk without fear of slipping on ice, and to feel the warm air again. Guess we have the beginning of spring fever.

The days are certainly getting longer and the sunny days recently have been absolutely gorgeous. The nicer weather certainly brings out more smiles. The folks who visit us are just great. They bring their ray of sunshine to us. Like the Stanhope Seniors who were with us last Thursday. They hosted our tea party and we certainly enjoyed their time here. Muriel Harrison was pleased to see many familiar faces. Thanks folks for coming.

The following afternoon we were wonderfully entertained by Northern Jam at our Happy Hour. They certainly provide some great music and we appreciate them spending time with us. The weekend was fairly quiet but we were fortunate to have Bert Bonnell on piano Saturday. Quite a few of us gathered in the lounge to enjoy the old songs. And we were very pleased to have Reverend John Burgess back with us on Sunday for his pastoral visits. John stated that he was still not up to par, but he was definitely feeling better. There certainly has been a lot of flu-like illness around recently. So far we have been fortunate here and we hope we can escape it.

Over twenty of us, on Monday. thoroughly enjoyed a takeout lunch of pizza. Boy, what a feast that was. We know pizza is not everyone's cup of tea, but for those of us who enjoy it, it was yummy. Thanks Janet for arranging this for us. We must do it again some time.

During Tuesday morning chapel with Reverend Wicks, we remembered Jack Durnford. Jack will be missed at our tea parties and happy hour. He did enjoy attending these activities. It was good to see quite a few visitors the following day, from the Minden United Church.

Like we said earlier, these nicer days are making it easier for people to pop in for a chat. We do enjoy this so much.

Had a good crowd for our pub night last night. The Norland Hillbillies were here with their old Country Music and once again it was great to have family members here. Among those visiting were Mildred Gartshore's son, Laura Upton's daughter and Bessie Burke's nephew along with his young lad. Makes for a very friendly get together. Let's hope more family members can make it down here for our pub night. You are more than welcome to join us. The more the merrier.

We're back to Thursday, and it's bingo this morning. Pearl and Joan are here helping out as usual. We are so lucky to have volunteers such as them. This afternoon the group scheduled to host has had to cancel out, so our dietary staff have agreed to fill in so we won't miss our tea. We really appreciate this, especially as it is our last tea of the month - our birthday tea.

Speaking of birthdays, our next birthday coming up is Gordon Kent who will celebrate on March 5. Happy Birthday Gordon, hope you enjoy your day.

Before we go we must share the following with you. We're sure you will be able to relate to it. It certainly touched our hearts. Bye now.

Country Roads

I see them when I close my eyes
A smell green fragrant fields, neath cloudless skies
I reminisce see softly waving grass
And happily once more I'm just a lass
I see a sign that says "no trespassing"
A barbed wire fence, a gate tied with rope
But gosh! That sign was never meant for me
What country field would want to shut me out?
I climb the fence, and wander for hours
Mid tinkling bells of cows that lie and graze
A graybird guards her nest with wary eye
As joyfully I tiptoe softly by
O Country roads
When times runs out for me
And those dear roads weave not before my eyes
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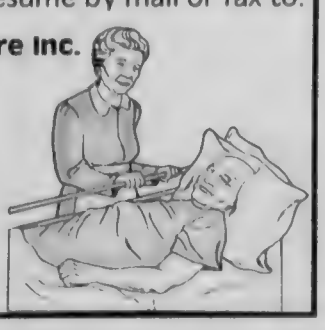

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450 or fax 286-4425)

I am *so so* happy to be able to write "March" at the top of this column!! I also know I shouldn't wish the time away, but I really am so glad that we are looking at the ending of winter. My condolences to those of you that feel differently about the cold season, but I cannot contain my joy !!

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I would like to say thank you to the members of the grade 4 chess club for the very kind fax, signed by all the members of the club. I hope my write-up brought out some players from the community!!

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I have just learned about the Weight Watchers group which meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Minden arena. The group is growing like wildfire, as I'm sure folks are getting in shape for summer!! Sue Collings and Wendy Bartlett are running the group and welcome anyone who is interested in joining them.

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The UCW is holding its General Meeting at the Minden United Church on Wednesday, March 3. The guest speaker will be Constable Laura Ostler, Community Service Officer of the OPP. Her topic is SCAMS. Everyone is welcome to come and hear this talk on a subject of interest to us all.

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A bulletin in from Carol Bullen:

• Spring must be here: the Rug Hooking Group is beginning meetings again March 1, 10 a.m. at West Guilford Community Centre. Please feel free to come in and see what we do. For a group that hibernates for January and February we have had a pretty active two months. In January we hosted a Sunday tea at the Rails End Gallery and quite a few of our members gathered at May Bradbury's home to enjoy rug hooking and fellowship. The rug destined to be donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation for raffle at their Gala in the summer of 1999 has been completed. Thanks to Northern Lights Embroidery in Haliburton for donating the identification tag for this piece. We have a lot of good things planned for the Spring session, not the least of which is getting ready for the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild's Annual Conference at the Howard Johnson Hotel at Markham Road and Hwy 401 on April 30, May 1 & 2. It's a lot of fun, taking a 19th Century craft into the 21st Century.

Isn't it interesting to think of these crafts surviving through the centuries, passed along by a talented chain of artisans!!

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The editor received a call from Mrs. Coltman on Highway 35, north of Minden last week. She was concerned about the deer near her home and the possibility they could be involved in a collision with a vehicle. This is the time of year when the deer are on the move and, there are any number of locations where deer and vehicles could collide. Drivers should be alert, especially at dusk and at night, when the deer can appear out of nowhere.

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I have heard from a number of you that you have been suffering from different types of flu, the common thread being terrible fatigue. I think I had a touch of it too. I hope we all have a better week in this one coming up !!

See you here next week !!!

SCORING NEWS

Jack Chilton phoned in the results of the Minden Legion Thursday Euchre on his birthday!! Most lone hands were won by Marie Dennie and Marcel Roussel. Gladys Wruth and Roy McDonald captured the high scores withVerna McDonald and Harvey Bunker taking the low scores. Al Cooper, Marcel Roussel, Ann McRae and Verna McDonald were the winners of the other prizes.

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On Monday evening at the Minden Legion, where everyone is welcome to join the Cribbage players, they had another good evening on the 22nd. Gladys Wruth had the woman's high and Howard Smith was men's high. Pat Scadden, Ed Hisson, Ruth Kellett and Ann Baker trook the other prizes.

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Finally at the Minden Legion, on Tuesday 23, the Seniors Bid Euchre group enjoyed another birthday cake, this time for Helen Lee, baked by Pat Roussel. Happy Birthday Helen!! Pretty soon these card players will have to slip over to Weight Watchers after eating all these gorgeous cakes!! The winners of the cards were, with the high scores, Howard Smith, Len Kroes, Ellie Langpohl and our trusty reporter Marg McAfee. Ida Young took the hidden score and the moonshots were won by Mary Coltman, Esther Lee, Verna McDonald and Rob Evans.

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On February 22, St. Paul's Friendship Club had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun!! Gladys Kellett- Wruth won lone hands. High woman was Pearl Cowen and high man was Iris Taylor. Anne Richmond appears again with the hidden score. Jack Chilton was low man and Edna Trumbull was low woman. The 50/50 draw was won by Helen Lee. Great day!!

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At Club 35, last Tuesday evening Verna Sawyer took the 50/50 draw. Pearl Carnohan took lone hands. Verna Sawyer and Murray Daniels were the high scorers and Jean Randell and Harry Randell, to keep it in the family, were the low scorers. Ken Wallace's name appears again as the winner of baloney !!

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In another part of the county, at Gelert, playing Euchre on Tuesday evening at the Community Centre, George Bartley took the 50/50 draw. Joyce Schellenberg was high woman and Betty Hicks was low. Gerald Hicks was high man and Earl Schellenberg was low. Lorna Hicks took lone hands.

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At yet another part of the county, this time at Stanhope, on Wednesday evening, playing Bid Euchre, it was another great evening of cards. Muriel Harrington, Helen Lee, Lottie Ruttan and Trudy Kroes with two, were the winners of the moonshots. The high scores were: Ken Wallace with 249; Trudy Kroes, 271; Pat Scadden,280; Rob Evans, 293; Len Kroes, 295. Congratulations to you all!!

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Last Thursday, February 18, at Echo Hills, playing Duplicate Bridge, special congratulations went to the sister team of Gladys Fujar and Helen McCracken, who came first, for the first time, as a team!! They received 61% of the scores. Second were the team of Judy Neimann and Maria Lehoczky with 60%. Third were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher with 58%.

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Also playing Duplicate Bridge on February 24 at Park Lane in Haliburton, the winning pair were Dorothy Thayer and Joan Galley. Stella McMillan and Ross Davies were second and Wynne and Morris Hansen came in third.

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At Stanhope, last Tuesday afternoon, there were five full tables of Contract Bridge players. That many people is rarely seen at the tables in winter!! One slam was bid and made by Betty Roszell with Dorothy Strype. Wynne Hansen was third with a score of 4380. Bill Milford, with a score of 4710, deserves special congratulations on doing so well so soon!! Muriel McIntosh was first with 5430.

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It looks like it was another great week for cards of every stripe. Keep on keeping at your respective tables!!!

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 99-13

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden passed By-law No. 99-13 on the 25th day of February, 1999 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.0.1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk, of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden, not later than the 21st day of March, 1999, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: As the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following, that is not a holiday.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately .35 hectares (.87 acres) of land, located at 65 North Water Street, at Part of Lot 4, Concession A, Township of Minden, being Residential First Density Exception Thirty-six (R1*36) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit ancillary uses to the bed and breakfast establishment to include private events such as meetings, weddings, bridal showers, afternoon teas and cultural events together with applicable regulations of such events. The total number of all events in any one (1) year is to be limited to thirty-six (36).

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map below.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

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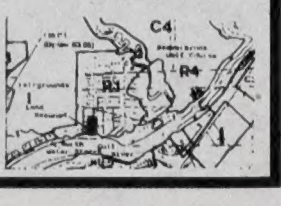
March 1, 1999.

Key Map



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AT REST

STANK,
Frederick

Passed away suddenly at his home in the Hunter Creek Estates, Minden on February 20th, 1999. In his 76th year. Beloved husband of the late Edith Ina Fielding. Fred is survived by his sister Annie Bicko and by his niece Jane Bicko, both of Barrie. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Thursday, February 25th, 1999 from 12 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral and Legion Services in the Chapel at 2 p.m. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #636 on Highway # 35, Minden. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

SAXBY,
John Edward
"Ted"

At Kingston General Hospital, Kingston on Tuesday morning, February 23, 1999 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Evelyn Sibley and the late Edith Burns. Loving father of Patricia (Dennis Baker) of Hamilton, John (Marcia) of Ottawa, Janet (Chris) Gordenier of Mount Shasta, California, Richard (Nukhet) of Houston, Texas, Carla Watson of Haliburton and Albert (Sandra) of Essonville. Fondly remembered by fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Frank (Joan) and sister Joyce (Jim) Suckling both of England. Predeceased by his brothers Steven and William. Ted was a retired Colonel in the British-India Army. At Ted's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton & District Lions Club would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Haliburton, Ontario. (705) 457-9209.

AT REST

HENRY,
Ruth Madeline

Passed away at home in Minden after a brief illness on Wednesday, February 24th, 1999, in her 76th year. Ruth, beloved wife for 57 years to Jack Henry. Loving mother of Madeline and her husband, the late David Johnston, Jill and her husband Bill Campure. Devoted grandmother of Kathryn Johnston and Michael Campure. Predeceased by her brother Bill Henry. At Ruth's request, an immediate cremation took place and a memorial service to celebrate her life will be announced at a later date. If so desired, memorial donations can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777.)

FRASER,
Doris

(Resident of Haliburton)

Peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton, on Friday, February 26, 1999 in her 66th year. Beloved wife of the late George Andrew MacDonald Fraser. Loving mother of the late Geraldine (Mrs. Peter Cowen) of Haliburton who predeceased her on February 10, 1999 and Patrick and his wife Judy of Oshawa. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Eugene, Janine, Tanya, and Jenny and Great-grandchildren Petey and Katie. Dear sister of Raymond, Cecil, Leslie, Gerald, John, Carl, Ronald, Violet Maughan, Betty Sawyer and her half brother Wesley Sisson. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Community Funeral Home, Highway 118, Haliburton, (705) 457-9209, on Sunday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday morning, March 1, 1999 at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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